

**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING  
OF THE  
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

**April 16, 2014**

**The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, at 4:30 p.m. on April 16, 2014.**

**Members present were: Marilyn Bellesheim, Leone D'Onofrio, Mary Delisio, Louis Misto, Russell Ryan, Michelle Vacca and Dianne Vumback. John Toscano, Solicitor, was also present. Member absent: William Sisco.**

**No previous minutes to approve. Marilyn Bellesheim, as acting Clerk, will send to Clerk minutes she took to get us up to date on the website.**

**Treasurer's Report**

- See attached financials**
- Transaction Detail By Account (draft form) attached. It is a rough draft of expenditures to date on buildings (July 9 – April 10, 2014).**
- This account balance includes cost of the lifts.**
- We have roughly \$296,817.05 available.**
- Our payroll in the summer runs about \$11,000 every two weeks. We**

**need CD and savings in bank to get us through until September.**

- **There will be no reimbursement from FEMA until buildings are complete.**

## **Fire Chief**

- **Fairly busy in the district.**
- **Structure fire at Dunn's Corners – firemen did a great job.**
- **Bill Davies is taking over training for the department.**
- **Main topic – looking at replacement for Louis Misto from within the department. Mr. Shannon Earle, secretary of the fire department.**

**Fire Chief states that Shannon has a 20 year history – worked as an assistant chief in fire department in Vermont. He has been with MFD for five years. Chief is asking for vote of support from the board for Shannon as chief. Chief's plan is to step down in May and let Shannon take over a month early so that he can be on fully as Chief and up to speed with businesses and inspections. Easier for him to be in the position before the annual meeting.**

- **Two letters of intent for position of Fire Chief have been submitted (see attached).**
- **Discussion over the process for nominations**

## **Budget**

- **We need a fire department budget**
- **Finance Committee is formed**
- **Suggestions for additions to the MFD budget:**
- **Funds for automated gates for parking (helps with access and exiting). Cost is roughly \$10,000 for both beaches.**
- **\$15,000 in budget for 100th celebration birthday party for MFD.**
- **Increase Tax Collector's salary by \$1,000 per year due to increased tax demands and job duties.**

### **Tax Collector**

- **Collected \$9,000 from March mailing**
- **\$3,000 needs to be deposited**
- **Outstanding \$35,000 (roughly)**
- **No one is due for tax sale (possibly 3 or 4 properties come Fall)**

### **Tax Assessor**

- **Need to look at tax rolls (after June 15)**
- **Need tax rate set for June**
- **Tax Assessor will meet with Treasurer**

### **Building & Fema Update**

- **FEMA will send check when we are done**
- **Benson shack is being completed. It has been challenging as problems arise, particularly about building codes.**
- **Lawton – we do not have a cease and desist order.**
- **Builder wants to complete Benson before starting Lawton.**

- Lawton put up correctly according to zoning and coastal with set back lines and height. We are getting complaints from Mr. Allen, too close to his house and obstructing his view. John Patrick Walsh, Michelle and John Toscano met with the Allen's to work on a compromise.
- \$471,000 with monitors – we were going to get a tax credit as he is using our tax id numbers for material – rough estimate on tax dollars is \$16,000. Contract comes in at \$452,000.
- Paid to date roughly \$55,000.
- Approval of the action taken by the moderator with the suggestion of the solicitor

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Louis Misto we accept the agreement that was made between our moderator and solicitor and architect and the Allen family to make modifications to the bath house/decking on Lawton Avenue as proposed with a reduced cost as opposed to cost increase.

**VOTED:** That the Board accept the motion that we accept the agreement that was made between our moderator and solicitor and architect and the Allen family to make modifications to the bath house/decking on Lawton Avenue as proposed with a reduced cost as opposed to cost increase. (Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Ryan, Vumback – Yes; Vacca - abstain)

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Russ Ryan

**that John Toscano, our Solicitor, serve as our final approver for the modifications that will be proposed by JPWalsh, our architect, on behalf of our board on the bathhouse/decking on Lawton Avenue.**

**VOTED: That the board accepts that John Toscano, our Solicitor, serve as our final approver for the modifications that will be proposed by JPWalsh, our architect, on behalf of our board on the bathhouse/decking on Lawton Avenue. (Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Ryan, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

### **Old Business**

- No more food trucks after May 2, 2014.**
- Woods 7 Pelczar - 35 Atlantic Avenue- construct 2 story, 2 family structure**
- Ritacco – building a second floor apt and 3rd floor for a one family apartment. Across from sand castle.**
- Based on the vote of the taxpayers at the annual meeting, the board voted to have the solicitor to write a letter of opposition.**

**Marilyn – what is going over the dune so that people who roll their cart.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting is set for May 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dianne Vumback**  
**Clerk**